UPDATES: HOUSING ISSUES AND COVID-19

Judith Fox, Clinical Professor Notre Dame Law School June 23, 2020 Executive Order 20-30: Extends the moratorium for initiating eviction or foreclosure actions on residential properties to July 4, 2020.

EMERGENCY MORATORIUM



YOU ARE STILL OBLIGATED TO PAY YOUR RENT/MORTGAGE

Moratorium on Evictions through June 30

Stimulus Money is not counted in calculation of annual income

HUD: SECTION 8 AND PUBLIC HOUSING:

HTTPS://WWW.HUD.GOV/SITES/DFILES/PIH/DOCUMENTS/COVID19 ROUND3-FAQS 04-22-20.PDF

Subsidized Housing

- Moratorium on ALL rental
 payment evictions till June 30
- No late fees,
- Can evict for lease violations or drug use: BUT, state moratorium still applies

HUD HOUSING ISSUES

Section 8

- Moratorium on evictions till July 4(state law)
- Cannot terminate voucher because of nonpayment of tenant's portion
- Caution against abandonment terminations
- No inspections or certifications taking place

- > FHFA extended moratorium to August 31, 2020
- Delinquency rates are up (4.36% in May)
- Close to 4 million in forbearance as of May 3
- > 30% of all mortgage holders failed to make June 1
- > July statistics predicted to be higher

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM

COVID FUNDING TO STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES

South Bend

- > St. Vincent DePaul: rental assistance
- Catholic Charities: utility
- Additional money pending:
- The City is working to review agency funding applications that, if awarded, would provide agency programs offering assistance to eligible households for rent, mortgage and/or utility expenses, as determined eligible through the specific COVID funding. Additional information will be made available by the City and the agencies once awards have been determined."

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Mishawaka

- Mishawaka Food Pantry: rental assistance
- Real Services: utility

- United Religious Community
- > South Bend Heritage
- Imani and Unidad
- > Catholic Charities
- > Salvation Army
- St. Vincent DePaul

FUNDED THROUGH UNITED WAY

- Moratorium on eviction filing to July 24 and removal until Aug 24 for any "federally related" housing (some examples)
 - Public Housing
 - Section 8 (voucher or project based)
 - Section 202 Senior Housing
 - Section 236 housing
 - Section 221 Housing
 - ▶ LITC housing
 - Properties with a federally-backed mortgage

CARES ACT

RECAP

THE FOLLOWING SLIDES ARE A RECAP OF THE PRESENTATION OF MAY 11

Temporary Forbearance for Federallyrelated mortgages

>FHA VA

Fannie Mae Freddie Mac

USDA

THE CARES ACT

- ► Fannie Mae: https://www.knowyouroptions.com/loanlookup#form
- Freddie Mac: https://ww3.freddiemac.com/loanlookup/
- > FHA: usually can tell by the paperwork, but to be sure, call 877-622-8525
- VA: on the mortgage documents
- ▶ USDA: on the paperwork (or USA is the lender)

"FEDERALLY RELATED MORTGAGE"?

Send to address on statement for QWR/RFI

> Specifically ask who "owns, insures or guarantees" note

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No application beyond asking for it

- Entitled to 180 day forbearance, and an additional 180 days
- whether or not you are current on mortgage
- Continues until earlier of: end of national emergency or 12/31/2020

MANDATORY FORBEARANCE

- Does not include escrow items (taxes, insurance, condo dues)
- No fees, penalties or interest (beyond what would have been charged)
- No payment due, but you can make payment if want to
- Cannot report you late to credit bureaus

WHAT DOES FORBEARANCE DO?

NON-FEDERAL LOANS

Many are offering the 90 day forbearance

- Repayment plan (up to 12 months)
- Automatic streamline mod:
 - > Payment deferral: in non-interest lien for accrued arrearage
 - Extend Modification: the loan term by the term of the forbearance; same payment; escrow will need to be repaid (up to 60 months)
 - Cap and extend: extends the maturity of the loan, but capitalizes escrow as well as payments
- Flex Mod (only option if your were in default before March 27,2020)

FANNIE/FREDDIE POST-FORBEARANCE OPTIONS

- Aimed to reduce monthly payments targeting 20% reduction
- Extend term to 480 months
- Sets interest rates at Fannie/Freddie Loan Mod rate
- Can include principal forbearance (down to 100% LTV and sometimes even 80%)

FLEX MODIFICATIONS

- Must offer Forbearance IF homeowner asks
- > After forebearance:
 - ▶ IF, less than 30 days late on March 1.2020
 - Can resume previous payments
 - Non-interest bearing lien for unpaid arrearage
- > FHA HAMP
 - Can include principal forbearance
 - Reduce interest to PMMS plus .25%
 - ▶ New 30 year term

FHA MORTGAGE LOANS

Be sure to apply for any modification 30 days BEFORE your forbearance ends

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER